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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN PARA  
(5) OF THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM (KEYED TO NUMBERING IN REF-  
TEL):

A. STANDARDS)

1) A) MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS; MINISTRY OF  
DEFENSE; MINISTRY OF FINANCE; MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE  
AND HANDICRAFTS; MINISTRY OF INTERIOR; MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
WORKS, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY; MINISTRY OF MER-  
CHANT MARINE; MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS; MIN-  
ISTRY OF EDUCATION; MINISTRY OF HEALTH; MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT  
AND CIVIL AVIATION; ENPI (GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR THE PREVENTION  
OF ACCIDENT); AND ANCC (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONTROLLING  
PRESSURE VESSELS); AND CNEN (NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE).

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B) THERE IS NO CENTRAL AGENCY COORDINATING MANDATORY

STANDARDS.

2) NO BASIS AVAILABLE FOR AN ESTIMATE.

3) LOCAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION UNABLE TO PROVIDE STATISTICS OR ESTIMATES ON EXISTING NATIONAL OR REGIONAL MANDATORY STANDARDS.

4) IN GENERAL, MANDATORY STANDARDS ARE ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR MINISTERIAL DECREES. INTERESTED AGENCIES OR BUSINESS ENTITIES USUALLY PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT THESE STANDARDS DURING LEGISLATIVE PROCESS PRINCIPALLY THROUGH TRADE ASSOCIATIONS. TIME PERIOD BETWEEN APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION VARIES IN EACH CASE.

5) INDICATED MANDATORY STANDARDS ARE ESTABLISHED ONLY BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LISTED IN 1)

6) UNI-ENTE NAZIONALE ITALIANA DI UNIFICAZIONE - PIAZZA DIAZ, 2 MILAN; ANCC. ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PER IL CONTROLLO DELLA COMBUSTIONE, VIA URBANA, 167 ROMA; CEI - COMITATO ELETTROMECCANICO ITALIANO, VIA MONZA, 259 MILAN; ISTITUTO ITALIANO DEL MARCHIO DINQUALITA', VIA ZAMA, 40/E MILAN; CUNA - COMMISSIONE TECNICA DI UNIFICAZIONE NELL'AUTOVEICOLO, CORSO FERRARIS, 61 TURIN; UNAV - UFFICIO TECNICO UNIFICAZIONE NAVALE, VIA VENTI SETTEMBRE 8/4 GENOA; UNAVIA - COMMISSIONE TECNICA DI UNIFICAZIONE NELL'AERONAUTICA, CORSO FERRARIS, 108 TURIN; UNICERAB - ENTE DI UNIFICAZIONE PER LA CERAMICA, I REFRATTARI E GLI ABRASIVI, VIA PRIVATA CRESCENZIO, 2, MILAN; UNIMET, SEZIONE DI UNIFICAZIONE METALLI NON FERROSI, VIA G. LEOPARDI, 18, MILAN; UNSIDER - SEZIONE DI UNIFICAZIONE SIDERURGICA, PIAZZA VERARCA, 8, MILAN.

7) A) UNABLE TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY STANDARDS THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES. SUCH DATA MAY BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM ENTITIES LISTED IN 6). DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT ASA AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE INC. 1430 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10018 ACTING AS AGENT FOR THESE ENTITIES.

B) NO INFORMATIONAL AVAILABLE ON INFLUENCE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.  
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C) WHEN NECESSARY, VOLUNTARY STANDARDS ARE MADE MANDATORY BY LAW. IN ADDITION, NATIONAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FREQUENTLY IMPOSE VOLUNTARY STANDARDS IN PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

B) TESTING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PRODECURES.

1) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED ON "AD HOC" BASIS IN LEGISLATION INTRODUCING MANDATORY STANDARDS.

A) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACCEPT ASSURANCE FROM FOREIGN SUPPLIERS REGARDING PRODUCTS CONFORMING TO STANDARDS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

B) & C) ASSURANCE OR TESTS FROM QUALITY ASSURANCE OR OTHER BODIES IN COUNTRIES OF FOREIGN SUPPLIERS ACCEPTED ONLY WHEN SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN ITALIAN LEGISLATION (USUALLY ON BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS)

D) IN GENERAL, TESTS ARE MADE BY ISSUING AGENCIES LISTED IN A-1.

E) EMBASSY UNABLE TO COMMENT THIS POINT DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF AGENCIES DEVELOPING MANDATORY STANDARDS.

F) & G) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT GENERALLY WILLING TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS ON STANDARDS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY UNABLE TO CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES DUE TO LACK OF PUBLISHED INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

H) TESTING AND/OR CERTIFICATION GENERALLY MADE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FOREIGN PRODUCTS.

2) GENERAL POLICY IS NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FOREIGN PRODUCTS.

3) PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTARY STANDARDS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN PARAS B (1) AND B (2) ABOVE.

C) AUTHORITY

1) STANDARD WRITING IS NOT DONE ONLY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. VOLUNTARY STANDARDS ARE WRITTEN BY THE NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LISTED IN A (6) ABOVE.

2) THE ITALIAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO AUTHORITY "DE JURE" OVER NON-GOVERNMENT STANDARD BODIES (MOST OF WHICH ARE SUBSIDIZED) BECAUSE OF LARGE PARTICIPATION OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN BOTH EXECUTIVE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES GOVERNING THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BODIES. "DE FACTO" SUCH AUTHORITY IS NOT EXERCISED AS MOST DECISIONS ON STANDARDS ARE BASED ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.

3) STANDARDS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST BE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LEGISLATION AND CAN BE INVALIDATED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ONLY IF THEY CONFLICT WITH SUCH LEGISLATION. EMBASSY NOT AWARE THAT ANY TRADE BARRIERS OR DISPUTES HAVE ARISEN FROM MANDATORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS. VOLPE

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